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# Oaks Early Risers Bible Class

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## David's Gratitude 1 Chronicles 16:8-12, 28-36

### Lesson Background and Introduction

David brought the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem amidst great celebration and joy (see 1 Chronicles 15). After the ark was placed inside the tent that David had provided for it, burnt offerings and peace offerings were sacrificed (16:1). These expressions of worship were needed following the first attempt to transport the ark (see chapter 13). Likely they were partly given in repentance for the previous flippant attitude toward transporting the ark; partly they were offered undoubtedly to thank God for restoring and repairing their relationship with Him. A burnt offering was completely consumed on the altar, signifying the worshipper's complete devotion to the Lord. Peace offerings were given with a desire to establish fellowship or communion between the worshipper and the Lord. On this occasion, David blessed the worshippers, then provided each one with food for their meal (1 Chronicles 16:2, 3). David then appointed some of the Levites "to minister before the ark of the Lord" (1 Chronicles 16:4). That ministry was to focus primarily on leading the people in worship, specifically in the area of music. David desired to show utmost reverence toward the sacred space associated with the Ark of the Covenant. Chief among the men appointed by David for these sacred tasks was Asaph, who had already assisted in bringing the ark to Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 15:17). David commissioned a special psalm of thanksgiving for Asaph for use on this important day and then for use in any future occasions of celebration and praise (16:7). David, whose heavy involvement in this ceremony has already been noted, also could easily have composed a psalm for this occasion. The new song called attention to the Lord's goodness to His people throughout their history. It also challenged His people to give God the glory due His great name.

*(Adapted from the NIV Standard Lesson Commentary)*

**A Hymn of Thanksgiving** - King David had the ark safely transported to Jerusalem and appointed the Levitical priesthood to organize the festivities marking the day. The men introduced a special hymn for the occasion. The song included the words of psalms we are told that David composed (see Ps. 96:1-13, 105:145, 106:47-48).

**Show Gratitude** - David's psalm exhorted everyone—but especially Israel, God's chosen—to offer thanksgiving to God (1 Chron. 16:10, 13). David offered several ways and reasons to offer the Lord gratitude. He said to address prayers directly to God and inform others of His amazing activities. God is always working wonders, doing things totally out of the ordinary. One reason we sing to God may be because He is surrounded by music in heaven; it's something He enjoys. In our songs, we give Him glory or the credit for all things, and we think about His goodness and look around for His hand moving in our lives each day. We reflect on the fact that God is our power, the one providing the fortitude and ability for us to accomplish any task for Him. And finally, we acknowledge the words coming from God's mouth. They are full of truth and certainly will be accomplished.

**All Are Welcome** - David's hymn also extended an invitation to all nations. God allowed those outside Israel to come and worship in His holy place. Everyone is welcome to worship Him, coming before the Lord with fear and awe. The whole earth celebrates Him, for He reigns over all.

**Declare His Goodness** - Now that the ark was in the city and a constant reminder of God's presence and these truths, the Israelites used this memorable occasion to announce to the world that God is good—He is present and powerful! When Jesus comes to make His home in the believer's heart and the individual declares Him as Savior and Lord, Jesus says there is a celebration in heaven: "Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth (Luke 15:10, KJV)

*(Adapted from the Echoes Commentary)*

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

#### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

Trusting God's goodness and faithfulness can help us get a good grip on gratitude

#### **COMMENT FOR THE WEEK:**

Longing for different circumstances can lead to complaining, and even a form of relationship damaging self-centeredness. The Israelites were familiar with this dilemma. It seems they were never satisfied and always griping about God's provision

#### **SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK:**

*Shall flocks and herds be slaughtered for them, to provide enough for them? Or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to provide enough for them*

(Num 11:22 NKJV)

*(from "Our Daily Bread", Oct 29, 2018)*

### **Series: Honoring God**

**UNIT: David Honors God**

#### **NEXT WEEK**

**David's House**

(1 Chron 17:1, 3-4, 11-14;

1 Chron 21:18, 21-27)

## NOTES AND CROSS-REFERENCES

### **Call to Grateful Worship (1 Chron 16:8-12)**

#### *Worship with praise (8-10)*

- Praise God for His salvation (Isa 61:10)
- Praise God for His acts of power and greatness (Ps 150:2)
- Praise God for His mercy (Ps 28:6)
- Praise God for His faithfulness (Ps 71:22)
- Praise God for His righteous Word (Ps 119:164)
- Praise God because He is worthy (Ps 145:3)
- Praise God and do not forget all of His benefits (Ps 103:1-2)

#### *Worship through seeking God (11)*

- Seeking God while He is near (Isa 55:6-7)
- Seeking God who has already found us (Isa 65:1)
- Seeking God to come in the door of our heart (Matt 7:7-8)
- Seeking to dine with Jesus (Rev 3:20-22)
- Seeking God through choice (Josh 24:15)

#### *Worship through remembering God's works (12)*

- God's works are great (Ps 111:2)
- God's works are wonderful (Ps 145:5-6)
- God's works are awesome (Ps 66:3)
- God's deeds are marvelously great (Ps 86:10)
- God's works are mighty (Jer 32:18-19)
- God's works are true and marvelous (Rev 15:3)

### **Call All to be Grateful (1 Chron 16:28-33)**

#### *Grateful for God's glory (28-29)*

- God's glory is reflected in the Heavens (Psalm 8:1)
- God's glory is declared in the heavens (Ps 19:1)
- God's glory is declared and understood by what He has made (Rom 1:19-20)
- God's glory should evoke thanksgiving and awe (Ps 8:3-4)

God's glory is great (Ps 138:5)

#### *Grateful for God's power (30)*

- God's power is majestic (Ex 15:6-7)
- God's power is great and awesome (Deut 7:21)
- God's power should cause the fear of God (Josh 4:24)
- God's power is known (Ps 62:11-12)
- God's power causes His enemies to cringe (Ps 66:3)
- God's power is mighty (Ps 147:5)

#### *Grateful for God's creation (31-33)*

- A creation that was accomplished by the Word of God (Ps 33:6-9)
- A creation where the Trinity was present (John 1:1-3)
- A creation where God's invisible qualities are displayed (Rom 1:19-20)
- A creation that was done through Jesus (Heb 1:1-3)
- A creation formed by the Will of God (Rev 4:11)
- A creation that be considered humbly (Ps 8:3)

### **Call for Grateful Thanksgiving (1 Chron 16:34-36)**

#### *Thanksgiving for God's goodness (34)*

- Praise God for His goodness because it is stored up in us (Ps 31:19)
- Praise God for the goodness of His word (Heb 6:5)
- Praise God for His calling of us out of His goodness (2 Peter 1:3)
- Praise God for the goodness while alive (Ps 27:13)
- Praise God for His goodness that leads to repentance (Rom 2:4)

#### *Thanksgiving for God's salvation (35)*

- Salvation through the gospel (Rom 1:16)
- Salvation through faith (1 Thess 5:8)
- Salvation at the second coming of Jesus (Heb 9:27-28)
- Salvation as an inheritance (1 Peter 1:3-5)
- Salvation through justification by Jesus' blood (Rom 5:9)
- Salvation that bring eternal life (John 11:25)

#### *Thanksgiving through blessing God's Name (36)*

- Thankful because He is the Lord Most High (Ps 7:17)
- Thankful because His name is majestic (Ps 8:1)
- Thankful because glory is due God's name (Ps 29:2)
- Thankful because it is good (Ps 54:6)
- Thankful during prayer (Matt 6:9)
- Thankful because it is a way to glorify God (Rom 15:9)